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Can you solve this problem? If so, you will win a prize. Do not send any money with your answer, but send name and correct address, and by return mail a beautiful prize will be sent free. As our object in giving away these premiums is to attract attention to, and increase the circulation of our popular Magazine, we request you when you receive your prize show it to as many friends as possible. We want large lists of readers in every neighborhood, and are going to offer many handsome prizes to secure them. Among the prizes we are offering is \$250.00 in cash, and many articles of silverware. Full particulars of the awarding of these prizes will be sent you with your prize on answering the above problem. Address, with stamp for reply,

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Dover can boast of many babies on record. Mr. Hyatt are the proud parents of a baby which at two weeks weighed a pound and a half. It is healthy and the attending physician perfectly healthy.

A large petrified hog has been unearthed on the Tangier Sound near Deals Island. The hog was buried many years ago. The animal is a rare curiosity in its state of petrification in which it appears as an inanimate hog of white greasy chalk.

Diphtheria is prevalent in Seaford and there are several critical cases in the town limits. The dreaded malady is in the section round about, and a number of rural schools have closed. The public schools of that town will undoubtedly be closed as the malady shows no signs of abating.

At the last meeting of the Delaware State Teachers' Association Professors Roman Tammany and K. M. Wiley, of Sussex; C. B. Marsh, James Carrol and O. L. Ellis, of Kent; Dr. George A. Harter and D. B. Jones, of New Castle County, were appointed a committee to urge upon the Legislature the necessity for needed changes in the school laws.

Salisburyans were treated to an "Old Hoss" sale by the Adams Express Co. recently. Packages from all over the Peninsula that had not been called for were put up at public auction. Some were said to contain Diamonds, watches, rings, and other articles of value, and hundreds of people gathered to secure some of the great bargains.

A new three cent piece has been authorized by the act of Congress to take the place of the old coin, which was so much like a dime that its coinage was stopped. The new three cent piece is ordered to be made of nickel, and the size of the old bronze cent, only thicker. In the center is to be a hole one fourth of an inch in diameter.

A boy is like a bicycle, because he cannot stand alone. He needs a steady hand to direct his way. He runs easily down hill. If you lose control of him he may break your heart if not your head. He is not made to travel on bad roads. The straighter you keep him the more safely he runs. He needs blowing up once in awhile. He should never be run by more than two cranks.

Local lodge officials and members are warned of a young man who is working the members of orders in different parts of the state and may therefore drop into this community. He goes into a town and shows the members a handsome photograph frame and agrees to put it in their lodge room at \$1 per member, with pictures of the contributing member. He collects the \$1 a head and the frame and man both disappear.

The spirit of Christmas has infused itself into the people. Everybody seems to be in good humor. There was never a more tempting display of Christmas goods. Indeed, the class of goods generally displayed at the holiday season as suitable for Christmas gifts seem to be growing in richness and beauty each year, and the only thing that puzzles the shopper who is well provided with cash is to make a choice among so many tempting things.

Farmers will be pleased to learn that Postmaster-General Smith gives it as his opinion that the rural free mail delivery system has not only come to stay but that its permanency and profitable conduct will be better established by its extension. In his report the Postmaster-General strongly urges the extension of the system, and the probabilities are that in a few years the farmer will be on an equal footing with the city resident in having his mail delivered and collected at his home.

One value of the local newspaper is aptly set forth in this: The local paper should be found in every home. No children should grow up ignorant who can be taught to appreciate the home paper. It is to be the stepping stone of intelligent thought those matters may be learned in it. Give your child a foreign paper which contains a word about any thing they ever saw or heard of, and how could it be interesting? But the paper and read of places with which and soon an interest increases with each paper. Thus a boy and those children their lives and women strong in the knowledge it is to-day.

WELLINGTON

John W. Causey, President of Old Swallowtail died of paralysis at his home, 800 East Second St., on Monday morning.

Mr. Carpenter, a member of the Delaware Regiment in the civil war. Five years after the termination of the war, Mr. Carpenter, at the age of 25 years, became a member of the 1st Delaware Regiment. He was one of the oldest men in the regiment and had been connected with it for 55 years.

"John Henry" Gilkinson's call.

"I have no objection," said Mr. Bie.

"Why?"

"Because," said Mr. Bie, "for evil."

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They have in view a property which can be secured at what seems a reasonable price, and desiring to take advantage of this offer they would like to call the attention of the people all over the State to the enterprise.

This home will not be a local affair, but will be open to the aged from all parts of the State. It is a work which should appeal to every heart. It is a worthy, worthy work, a needed work, and these ladies have taken it up with a determination that must bring success.

They solicit contributions from any who would help the helpless, and donations, however small, will be most thankfully received. They ask the people of the State to help them that they may in time care for the needy. "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

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PURCHASED MADISON HOMESTEAD

William du Pont has purchased the homestead property of the late former President James Madison at Montpelier Orange county, Va. The property comprises 1,300 acres and the buildings thereon were erected about 1794. After retiring from the presidency in March, 1837, Madison returned to his ancestral estate at Montpelier where he passed the evening of his days, surrounded by attached friends.

A TELEPHONE IN A CHRIST

One of the prettiest stories of a telephone has done is told of West. The mother was many miles from home.



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 The above articles, and many more at  
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**BARGAINS**  
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**CLEARANCE SALE OF Clothing**  
**Boots, Shoes, and Rubber Goods.**  
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Great Reductions in all goods. It will pay you to call at our popular Corner Store to make purchases.  
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**"STAVE BUCKEYE CORN MILL"**  
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**DOLLS, TOYS,** and everything for the Little Folks.  
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 Would it not be an act of prudence to request the HOME LIFE to take the risk rather than to compel your family to assume it?  
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**NEW LOAN ASSOCIATION**  
 It is definitely stated that a new local building and loan association will be incorporated in Chestertown, Md., this week. The charter papers are now ready for the signature of Judge Pearce, and the organization expects to be ready to begin business early in January. The new association will be known as the "Kent Building and Loan Company." The probable officers will be as follows: President, William F. Russell, cashier of the Savings Bank; Vice-President, Thos. H. Topping, proprietor of Radcliffe Mills, and a well known business man; Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. Jefferson L. Smith, principal of the Chestertown public school. Others named in the charter as incorporators and directors are: Thos. S. Bordley and Dr. H. B. Simmons, of Chestertown; T. Benj. Dardling, of Rock Hall; A. M. Kendall, of Fairlee; Dr. J. W. Urie, of Still Pond; R. Heston Hicks, of Galena.

**SAY STRANGE SHADOW FALLS UPON WHITE HOUSE**  
 The superstitious persons who three years ago, at about the time the President died, discovered a shadow falling when the sun shone on the White House representative form of an old woman, have another discovery in the same shadow each fair day at about 11 o'clock morning, a shadow has appeared at the White House.

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Trains Leave Middletown as follows:  
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 11.30 and 12.30 a. m.; 3.30, 7.30, 11.30 and 12.30 p. m.  
South Bound—3.30, 7.30, 11.30 and 12.30 a. m.; 3.30, 7.30, 11.30 and 12.30 p. m.

Mails Close as follows:  
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10 a. m., 3.30 and 5.30 p. m.  
Going South—5.30 a. m., 11 a. m., 3.30 p. m.  
For Odessa—2.10 a. m., 11 a. m., 3.30 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton, and other points—3.30 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DECEMBER 29, 1900

### Local News.

A Happy New Year.  
To Jones & Bradley for fresh bread.

WANTED—Fresh eggs at Armstrong's for cash.

WANTED—Correspondent in all of our sister towns for THE TRANSCRIPT.

Armstrong's meats at the best in town—that is what his customers say.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon, Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

To Farmers—Cash paid for eggs at Armstrong's. We want all the eggs we can get.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson is selling her entire store stock, at a low price, by an early call you can secure great bargains.

For Rent—8 Houses in Main street, one 10 rooms and bath, suitable for boarding. Apply to Mrs. L. W. Peterson.

Next Tuesday being New Year's Day, the post office will be closed at 11 A. M., and remain closed until 1 P. M. It will close for the day at 6.30 o'clock.

Broom Factory is working and turning out excellent work. Along with your corn. Brooms wholesale and retail.

H. INGRAM, Middletown, Del.

WANTED—A farm to carry on by a practical man. Can give the best of reference. Have worked on the farm all my life, small family. T. J. Smith.

Miss Elizabeth Hopkins will entertain a number of her friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hopkins, on East Main street, New Year's Eve.

We received quite a basket of letters this week from Mr. Albert E. Ginn, of Denver, Col. Mr. Ginn states he is enjoying good health, and like the "wild and woolly West."

If you are looking for good cheap groceries go to the cut grocery store. The best of everything in my line at very low prices. Also a full line of Millinery. MISS L. F. INGRAM.

FOR RENT—The dwelling on East Main street, now occupied by George S. Richards. Also the large stable near the National Hotel, now in the tenure of Middletown Creamery. Possession given to each 25th March 1901. G. E. HUKILL.

We do not like to buy water in milk, that is, as it is mixed by hand. To avoid this, dip a polished needle into the vessel containing the milk. If it is pure, a drop of the milk will cling to the needle; if the least drop of water is present, the needle will be pulled away.

Schools of Blackford M. E. Sunday school held their Christmas festival Monday evening. The program, which was delightfully prepared, was given under the direction of Miss Bessie Ferguson, after its rendition the little people received candy and fruits.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Dec. 27th, 1900: Ladies—Miss Mary A. Bolton, Miss Nellie Murry, Mrs. Janie Robinson, Mrs. Emma Robinson, Gentlemen—John Hase, J. M. Taylor, John Shallock and William White.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening, at 6.45 o'clock. Every body is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is "The Old and the New; Your Purpose." Luke 5:33-39; Matt. 13:51, 52. (A New Year's Meeting.) Leader, Miss Mary F. Lyman.

The Middletown Dramatic Association presented the very laughable drama "Three Hates" in the Opera House Christmas night to a large audience. The drama was well presented, and the ladies and gentlemen comprising the Dramatic Association are to be congratulated on the success of their undertaking.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "The Old and the New; Your Purpose." Luke 5:33-39; Matt. 13:51, 52. (A New Year's Meeting.) Consecration service.

Our merchants state that this was the most prosperous Christmas season they have ever had, and that more goods were sold than ever before during the Holiday season. The stores were crowded for several days, and there has been few times when the town had more shoppers than Saturday and Monday. All of our merchants are well pleased with the amount of business done.

Mr. F. H. Burgess has resigned as President of the Delaware Shirt Company, Chester, Pa. He will hold stock and remain as a director in said company, but will give his personal attention to the Middletown, Smyrna, Dover, Delaware and Centerville, Maryland, factories, making his headquarters at Middletown, as formerly, under style of Middletown Manufacturing Company.

Have you ever wondered about the origin of the word Xmas? It has been explained thus: Many people suppose that the X in Xmas represents the cross and wonder that it is not written Xmas. The X, however, has nothing to do with the cross. It is the Greek letter chi, corresponding to ch in our language, and in the initial letter in the Greek name of Christ. The words Xmas were written Xmas long before Christmas became one word.

A great doctor once remarked that bad ventilation deforms more children and destroys more health than accidents or plague. Baby should never be put to sleep in bed or perambulator with the head under the bed clothing to inhale the air already breathed and further contaminated by exhalations from the skin. "You are smothering the life out of your child's lungs," an anxious mother was told not long ago. "How would you like to drink the water you wash in? Well, when you cover your baby's head up you force him to use the air that is just as bad and just as impure."

The falling off of the out-of-town shopping this year is quite noticeable, which shows that the Middletown people are becoming convinced that by dealing at home they can buy their goods just as cheaply and at the same time save cost of transportation. This speaks well for both the public and the merchants.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Clark Parker, of this town, to Levi Gundy Sterner, a well-known merchant of Camden, is announced, and preparations are being made for their marriage on January 10th, at 8 o'clock, in Bethesda M. E. Church. The wedding will be an important mid-winter function for the young people of Delaware. The bride-elect is the daughter of J. C. Parker, President of the J. C. Parker & Son Company. The prospective bridegroom has just been designated by Governor-elect Hume as a member of his staff, with the rank of Colonel. They will reside in Camden.

December 30th being the last Sunday of the present century, appropriate services will be held in Bethesda M. E. Church. The choir had been requested to repeat the Christmas music rendered on Sunday last. The pastor will preach in the morning, taking for his theme "The Achievements of the Nineteenth Century." The evening sermon will be upon the subject "Next Day After Tomorrow." Night Watch services will be held in the lecture room, commencing at 9.30 P. M., Monday evening. Let us avail ourselves of this opportunity to witness the dying of the old and the birth of the new century.

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### PERSONALITIES

Mr. Theodore Kumpel spent Christmas Day in Philadelphia.

Mrs. W. P. Cullen is visiting her parents near Frederica.

Mr. Frank Collins spent Christmas with Smyrna friends.

Dr. Robert Comegys, of Newark, was home for Christmas.

Mrs. William Taylor was a Har-de-Grace visitor on Saturday.

Mrs. John Jones spent Christmas with her parents in Philadelphia.

Miss Ada M. Johnson is visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Nellie Covington, of Still Pond, is visiting Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Mr. Robert C. Hall, of Easton, Md., was a Christmas visitor here.

Mr. James H. Burnham, of Wilmington, visited in town Christmas.

Mr. B. F. Lippincott is spending a few weeks with Philadelphia friends.

Mr. Fred Hall, of Richmond, Pa., visited relatives here Christmas.

Mr. William Garner, of Smyrna, spent Christmas with friends in town.

Mr. Edgar Johnson, of Chester, Pa., spent Christmas with his family.

Miss Lillian Scott, of Coatesville, Pa., has returned home for the winter.

Prof. Grim and family are visiting friends and relatives in Malta, Pa.

Mr. Horace C. Moore, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is home for the Holidays.

Mrs. Theodore Kumpel and son are visiting relatives in the Quaker City.

Miss Mabel Morton, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. H. C. DeValinger.

Mr. Charles Griffith, of Centerville, Md., spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mr. Harold Green, of Philadelphia, is visiting his mother, Mrs. William Green.

Mr. Charles Jones, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with relatives in town.

Messrs. John Bostic and Z. Dehli, of Dover, were visitors in town on Tuesday.

Mr. B. Baker, of Havre de Grace, Md., was in town Friday, and paid us a brief call.

Mr. Walter Webb, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents here on Christmas.

Miss Mabel Derrickson, of New York City, visited her parents, near town Xmas.

Mr. Paul Messick, of Swarthmore, Pa., is spending the Holidays with his parents.

Mr. Sylvester Rose, of Wilmington, spent from Saturday until Wednesday in town.

Mr. Julian Taylor, of Chambersburg, Pa., was the guest of his mother, this week.

Dr. Alex H. Reynolds, of Philadelphia, was among the visitors to our town this week.

Miss Louise Echenhofer, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert Price.

Miss Lavie Wilson, of Heighstown, N. J., was among the Middletown visitors this week.

Mr. Merritt Richards, of Frankford, spent a few days this week with his parents here.

Mr. J. J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia, was a Holiday visitor here, the guest of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wood, of Philadelphia, were the guests of relatives, here this week.

Mr. Harry Johnson, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with his father, Mr. W. H. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Reynolds, of Philadelphia, spent a few days in town the first of the week.

Miss Blanche Armstrong, of Delaware City, was the guest of Miss Maude Smith, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. William Barnett and Mrs. James L. Collins, were Saturday visitors, in the City of Brotherly Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reed, of near Smyrna, visited Mrs. Crouch, on East Main street, this week.

Mr. Clarence Richards and Miss Ella Chance, of Chester, were among the Christmas visitors here.

Misses Helen Brady and Mary Nowland, of Bethlehem, Pa., are visiting relatives and friends in town.

Messrs. Harry Brady and Fred Terrell, of Swarthmore, Pa., are guests of Mr. Brady's parents this week.

Mr. Oscar Lane, of Camden, N. J., who has been visiting near town, returned to his home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Jones and daughter, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mrs. Jos. L. Parsons, this week.

Mr. Alexander Walmesley, of the Quaker City, visited his sister, Mrs. P. L. McWhorter, this week.

Messrs. Edward Boggs and Harry Stout, of Cheswood, were the guests of friends in town yesterday.

### TOWNSEND NEWS BUDGET

Mr. Thomas Wells is visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Hannah Wilson is visiting friends in Smyrna.

Mr. T. B. Schwatka visited Smyrna on Christmas Day.

Mr. Mark Staats has returned from a visit to Middletown.

Miss Lizzie Ditch spent Christmas at her home in Leipzig.

Mr. Henry M. Smith has gone to Baltimore on business.

Miss Jennie Hawkins, of Greenwood, is visiting Mr. James Lee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodgson have returned from visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Gooden, of Willow Grove, visited in this section during the Christmas Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbard have returned from Wilmington where they have been visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. David I. Allen, of Middletown, spent Christmas Day at this place visiting relatives.

Mrs. Irene Gibson, nee Hutchison, of Kent Island, spent Christmas Day among her relatives and many friends here.

Photographer Sereck S. Wilson, of Philadelphia, passed Christmas Day at his home here. He is employed on Columbia Avenue, that city.

The \$25.00 gun that was chanced off on Christmas night, was won by Mr. David Lynam. The lucky contestant prizes the gun very highly.

Mr. Allen Rose, formerly a resident of Townsend, but who now lives at Newark, this county, spent the X-mas season among friends in this locality.

Mrs. Frank Hess continues to improve, and her many friends are very much gratified over her prospects of recovery, though she is still quite sick.

Mr. Elmer Pritchard, who is teaching "the young idea how to shoot" at Green-spring, he having become a school teacher at that place several weeks ago, spent Christmas Day at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fields after residing at Blackbird for several years, will remove to Newport, Del., on January 1st. Mr. Fields is said to have secured a very good position there. Their many friends regret their leaving.

Quite a number of beautiful Christmas trees are being shown in Townsend. Among the prettiest is that of Mrs. George Pinder which is considered exceptionally fine, and it is admired by many.

Shrieks and cries for help startled George Collins at his home at "Warrentown," near here, on Thursday morning. The cries came from the kitchen, and rushing there he was startled to see his mother, Mrs. Sallie Jester, enveloped in flames. He quickly threw a blanket around her and extinguished the blaze, but not before she was badly burned. It is thought she will recover, however.

Small boys and large hounds made a terrible din in town on Tuesday, but because it was Christmas no one interfered. One boy was heard playing, "There Will Be A Hot Time in the Old Town To-night," on a toy trumpet; he played the tune fairly well considering the instrument which he was using. Long before daybreak on the morning of Christmas, a large crowd of men paraded the streets and kept



